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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY), LI, AG, MO, MR. FR, SP

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP

REF: MONROVIA 2420 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL, WHICH IS BEING REPEATED TO THOSE WHO DID NOT
RECEIVE IT, CONTAINED TEXT OF GOL DIPLOMATIC NOTE INFORMING
U.S. EMBASSY OF REQUEST BY ALGERIANS TO LIBERIANS THAT THEY
RAISE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER ISSUES OF SELF-DETERMINATION
AND FRENCH MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST POLISARIO.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH EMBASSY MAY
TRANSMIT TO GOL SHOULD A RESPONSE APPEAR DESIRABLE AFTER
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3. BEGIN TEXT: COMPLEMENTARY OPENING FOLLOWED BY "THE
EMBASSY EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION TO THE MINISTRY OF FOR-
EIGN AFFAIRS FOR HAVING BROUGHT THIS MATTER TO THE ATTEN-
TION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THE ISSUES DESCRIBED IN THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NOTE ARE AMONG THOSE ON WHICH THE U.S.

GOVERNMENT HAS HAD FREQUENT EXCHANGES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ALGERIA AND IS PREPARED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WHENEVER DESIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ALGERIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND WAS AMONG THOSE NATIONS WHICH VOTED IN FAVOR OF UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3458-B ON DECEMBER 10, 1975, WHICH REAFFIRMED THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE SAHARAN POPULATIONS ORIGINATING IN THE TERRITORY.

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAVE INFORMED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE U.S. UNDERSTANDS THE DESIRE OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT ITS NATIONALS AGAINST ATTACK BY ARMED BANDS STRIKING ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES. MOREOVER, ALGERIAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN TOLD IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT SUCH DEFENSIVE MEASURES AS THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS BELIEVED NECESSARY WERE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARRANGED BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENTS." COMPLEMENTARY CLOSE. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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